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I am sure your readership in interested in President Clinton's plans for the near and distant future, and how they will be affected by those plans and policies. We will make very effort to keep you informed through information packets such as this one.

Enclosed you will find two photos: One depicts the meeting President Clinton held with leaders from the Gay and Lesbian community April 16th. The other depicts the meeting between Ira Magaziner, Director of the President's Health Care Task Force and 21 representatives from AIDS service and advocacy organizations. Please find the enclosed press release which accompanies the health care photo.

I am your contact in the Office of Media Affairs. If there are any questions you have or anything I can do for you, please do not hesitate to call me.

If you would please put us on your mailing list, we would like to forward clips from your publication to the President.

Sincerely
Jessamyn Sarmiento
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Gay/lesbian Holy Unions

Dear Editor:

Your March 1 article about the Reverend Shaw-Connelly stated that she is the only member of the local clergy, besides those of the MCC Church, who has performed holy unions among gay/lesbian couples. As a member of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento I must protest this inaccuracy. Our two ministers, the Rev. Dr. John Young and the Rev. Richelle Russell, both perform holy union ceremonies for gay and lesbian couple, as does the Rev. Judith Morris of the UUCC, South Sacramento.

They also perform baby naming/child dedication ceremonies for gay and lesbian parents and their children, as well as marriage reconfirmation rites for all dedicated couples. Nationally the U.U. Society was the first "mainstream" denomination to perform these ceremonies as well as the first to ordain and place women, gay/lesbian clergy. We have a long and proud history of inclusivity in our congregations. We are nondogmatic and humanistic in our beliefs.

Furthermore, I am happy to state that our Chaplain of Young Adults, the Rev. Russell; and the Rev. Judith Morris of UUCC are both open lesbians who are accepted by their congregations. Morris estimates that her church has a 15 to 20% gay/lesbian membership. Our percentage is lower, but we do have a significant number who hold offices.

Sincerely,
Kay Buie

A straight reader writes

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a well-done article about a marine, Kevin Wadsworth, in Placerville that appeared in the Mtn. Democrat. We are constantly amazed at how fair they try to be in their coverage (as opposed to the Bee and the Union.)

My husband seldom brought MGW home from the office, (he received it for political reasons), but now that we get it at home, I read it faithfully. Your April Fools cover was quite clever. People are my favorite animals, so I always enjoy the letters. Much of the info is just "consciousness raising" for me. As a "straight" I was intrigued by the Story of Adam at first but as the get-to-the-point type I find soap operas tiring. I take it this will go on forever.

Sincerely,
A Faithful Straight Reader

Marrying Gays

Dear Editor:

Re: Eileen S. Gilles' column on page 4 of the March 15 issue: I've thought for decades that to put it in her terms -- conventional marriage could "... stifle ... creativity to develop... (a) unique definition of family ..." And I came to that conclusion from observing just the heterosexual world around me! There can be more arrangements that just 2 people, a couple, same sex or opposite sex. Not all of us, through all our lives, are meant to be limited to that "couple" of 2 persons.

Ed Blanchette

Thanks ...

Dear Editor:

Thanks for the clipping of MGW's recent mention of our project.

Blair Bass
Office Manager,
The Celluloid Closet,
Homosexuality in the Movies.

Yes on Andross

Dear Editor:

Have been meaning to tell you how much we enjoy Andross' story. The young man writes so well. I hope he is trying to publish. I have heard several good comments about his series.

Lynn Strawbridge
Twin Spirits Vets

Politically Correct!!??

Dear Editor:

Ever since my letters have been running in your newspapers, people who hardly know me come up to me and say to my face "You homophobic racist pig!"

Let me set this straight with you people that do this to me. I am none of those, and if you know who I really am you wouldn't be so stupid as to say it!

First of all what is the definition of "homophobia" anyway? Just because I am a Christian who believes the practice of homosexuality is wrong does that make me homophobic? If the definition is someone who hates gays, I believe God does not hate anyone. What God hates is the sin that a person is doing.

What is wrong with me associating with Christians anyway? They are not promoting behavior that spreads AIDS. If you ever heard of a Christian group say "Hey kids, go ahead and risk you life by having perverted sex," you tell me about it!

The second one of calling me a racist is the really ignorant name. I tell them as a reporter for the ARC Current that I have especially focused on people of color in my reporting. Last semester I helped promote the newly founded Vietnamese Club on Campus, and this semester I am trying to help save the Black Student Union from dissolving because of lack of study participation with it. If that is not good enough for you to believe me that I am not a racist, what is?

I think that it is horrible that many people say they will respect everybody's opinion, and then not respect mine just because it doesn't fall into their definition of being "politically correct." So who is really being the pig?

Sincerely
Michelle Kunert

Best of both worlds

Dear Editor:

I want to express my disgust with the blatant attempt by members of the bi-sexual movement to ride the coat tails of the Gay and Lesbian Community.

This group wants the best of both worlds in every action they take. Not only are the classified ads full of bi-individuals wanting to meet a gay man or lesbian for a romantic interlude with no strings attached -- now they want to have a political interlude with gays and lesbians, probably, once again with no strings attached.

Now that we have a President who openly supports our needs, the bi's are whining to be included in our ranks. They can start their own movement.

Rich Manuel

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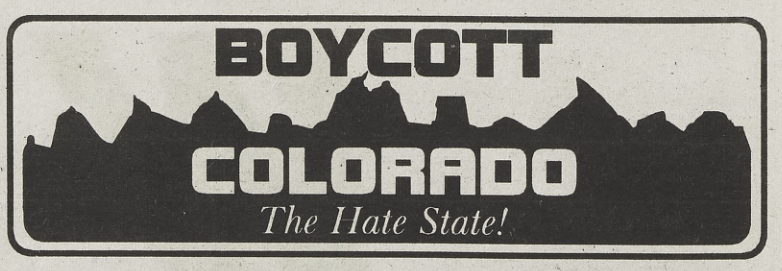

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In the May 1, 1993 issue, pg. 2, *in the Letters section, Ellie Zacks name was misspelled.*

On pg. 3 in the CAP/PAC ad *the second auction item should have been, Jak Metzen Fine Jewelry.*

MGW apologizes for the errors. ▼

Still troubled ...

E.J. Byington Update

by Marghe Covino
MGW staff

The story of E.J. Byington, the teenage churchgoer at Sacramento's Capital Christian Center who left the church to join protesters on Easter Sunday, 1992, is a heartrending saga of unrelieved disappointment and tragedy. E.J., despite concerns expressed by his sister, Victoria Carpentier, and other supporters, decided to return voluntarily to Nebraska in the hope he would be reunited with his mother, rather than stay in California and stage a custody battle with Nebraska authorities so he could live with his sister. Upon his return to Nebraska, E.J. was placed in a juvenile shelter and then a foster home. He was then sent to Minnesota to live with his mother. It was there that E.J.'s dreams crashed in the reality of his mother's problems and the intransigence of bureaucracy. According to Victoria Carpentier, when E.J.'s mother heard he thinks he's gay, she had him put in a psychiatric facility. When he got out a suicide attempt put him back in again. He was then placed with another relative, who, according to Carpentier, is an end-stage practicing alcoholic. E.J. began running away, getting in with the wrong crowd and generally calling for help. "He tried to commit suicide with my mother's medications, he was doing things to hurt himself, to mutilate himself," Victoria said, "he was being guilt-tripped by his mother who was evading responsibility by putting him in psychiatric hospitals at least three times before he finally broke.'"

MGW/Pamela Coffey

A member of the "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence" holds a sign in protest of the treatment of E.J. Byington, last year at Capitol Christian Church.

"My mother should never have asked for him back, she hasn't successfully dealt with her own emotional problems — she made a suicide attempt herself and then blamed E.J. for it — that's vicious," Carpentier said. Their mother, Rosalie Erwin, 43, has been married four times and is currently under treatment for depression. Carpentier alleges her mother is an alcoholic, "who has stopped drinking but hasn't done anything about the behaviors that created her alcoholism — which is what got the kids taken away from her in the first place."

Carpentier, 24, and a former nanny, wants to start a campaign to get E.J. back to California. "I'm better equipped now to take custody of him. I have a stable job and household and I can offer him a good home," she said. "If he doesn't want to stay with me I can make arrangements for him to be with Peggy Peters and her family in Sacramento,

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Gays being outgunned by letters

by Dell Richards
MGW Staff

Gays/lesbians are being outgunned "100 to one" by the right in the campaign to end the ban on gays in the military. Despite a myriad of gay political organizations working night and day as well as years of effective lobbying, the Fundamentalists are winning the all-important battle of grassroots letters to Congress.

"We are losing right now," said Gregory King, Communications Directors of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF). "For some people's Representatives and Senators, letters are 100-to-one against us."

Through its "Speak Out" campaign that sends letters to Congress via telegrams and overnight mail, HRCF has sent 85,000 messages to date. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) recently launched a tear-out-mail-off postcards campaign through such national gay magazines as "The Advocate." Specifically targeting Senators, they have printed and distributed nearly 300,000 since January. Even state-oriented letter-writing organization such as Lambda Letters Project, in Sacramento, are collecting signatures on form letters.

But even those numbers are a drop in the bucket.

"Our community needs to understand that we have to write -- and we have to write now," said King, "The 'Speak Out' campaign was designed to counter the voices from the far right. Congress is being deluged by letters from them."

MGW/White House Photo
David Harvey, Ira Magaziner, Anne Broomfield, Paul Kawata, and Debra Frazer-Howze met with President Clinton regarding the AIDS Health Care Taskforce.

While gay and liberal organizations struggle to get the word out through newsletters, mailers and paid advertising, the Christian right uses daily television and radio shows to get their constituents riled up and writing.

In addition, Fundamentalists have churches nationwide that fire up and motivate people every Sunday.

To combat this, organizations such as HRCF have begun going into gay and lesbian bars across the country to get signatures. HFCR recently set up a nationwide series of events to get gay and lesbian signatures on letters. On March 27 and 28, "Operation Lift the Ban" fanned out across the country hitting gay and lesbian bars in 20 cities nationwide with letters.

"This is serious business," said King. "It can't be done without the grassroots. We have to learn to use the organizations we have such as bars."

According to demographic data, Fundamentalists only comprise two percent of the population. But they are so well-organized, their numbers seem much greater. In addition to the recent victory in Colorado, Fundamentalists recently got rid of New York City's school chancellor. In Pennsylvania, they elected 3,500 "Christian activists" to school boards state-wide. And they are targeting more.

As early as 1990, Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition targeted school board seats, city council and other local offices in San Diego. They won two-thirds in what they called a "Stealth" campaign to secretly take over that Southern California area. And they have worse in the works.

The Right is winning because they are dedicated to the cause -- and they are organized. Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition has 250,000 members compared to the largest gay organization, HFCR, which only have 75,000 members.

Fortunately, the gay community also has some large and influential friends. The ACLU thinks the military issue is just a rallying point for the rights of gays in general.

"It's not really about gays in the military; it's too important a battle to lose. That's why the ACLU has committed substantial resources to winning this.

"By sending postcards, we hope to persuade Congress that there is substantial support to overturning this discriminatory ban. But if we in the progressive circles sit back and assume our leaders are going to do the right thing, we're going to lose."

Even state-oriented groups such as the Lambda Letters Project (LLP) recently added letters about the military ban to the three form letters it sent out each month. By far, the simplest way to go, members only have to sign the letters and send them back to the organization in an SASE. In the past. LLP has written letters about cuts in AIDS funding and they ban against the importation of RU-486 as well as other pro gay and lesbian issues.

"Demonstrations are very satisfying but we felt something else was needed to bring pressure to bear on legislators," said Boyce Hinman, founder of LLP. Two days after the march, the Helms Amendment passed

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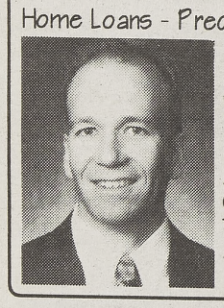
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Political strategist pushes gay rights ...

David Mixner

by Dell Richards
MGW Staff

The political wind shifted so quickly since Bill Clinton's election that song lines like Dylan's "The times they are a changin'" haven't had as much meaning in three decades.

In the first month of Clinton's presidency, gay rights took center stage, thrust to the fore by Clinton's decision to end the ban on gays in the military. Suddenly, mainstream newspapers that had never mentioned the word "homosexual," much less "gay," were debating human rights.

Suddenly, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force honchos like Robert Bray were casually buttonholing White House politicos in the weight room of a Washington, D.C. gym.

The change has not only been sudden and swift but all pervasive. Even trade magazines such as ***Gifts and Decorative Accessories*** suddenly are interested in gay greeting cards.

"I can't believe the change in the past month," said Joan Greenfield, owner of the lesbian line, First Blush Cards. "Suddenly, everyone is interested. A few months ago, gay greeting cards were too hot to handle."

If there is one person that can be credited with the turn-around -- at least on the presidential level -- that person is David Mixner, 46, consummate political strategist and long-time gay friend of Bill and Hillary.

"David has immense political know-how," said Dr. Scott Hitt, a doctor and board co-chair of the recently founded Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, a direct action political game, what to say and when to say it. He's got a great political intuition, which is why he is so successful."

MGW/File Photo

David Mixner, consummate political strategist, has had a long history of political successes and failures.

Though he seemed to come out of nowhere to some, Mixner has a long history of political successes and failures, including the Great Peace March fiasco, as well as a 25-year friendship with the President which he has used to help the gay cause.

During Anita Bryant's 1976 anti-gay campaign, decade-long friend Bill Clinton was one of the first people Mixner came out to. During the Presidential primary, "Mixner the fixer" brought Clinton to a gay fund-raiser in Hollywood, the first ever for a Presidential candidate. Going against campaign advisers, Clinton made an emotional speech about human rights that the *Washington Post* called "historic." His impassioned plea that night that "all of us belong" started the visionary connection with people that eventually got him into the White House.

A corporate strategist today for such heavies as Chevron and Aetna, he calls himself a senior advisor outside the White House "like James Carville." Mixner has been in the political arena since the anti-war days of Vietnam. His anti-war activities got him thrown out of Arizona State University where his college buddy Bill Clinton graduated with honors. Though Mixner continued to believe in the rewards of activism (and made it to Oxford University on a Martin Luther King Fellowship), he says Vietnam robbed a generation of young activists of their idealism.

"We were also casualties of Vietnam," said Mixner. "Those of us who protested the war were forgotten, just as veterans were forgotten. Those of use who fought day and night to end the war were also forgotten."

Mixner continued to organize through three decades of the drugs, alcohol and money-grubbing Yuppiism that marked the past three decades. He says Clinton has again given the county permission to be idealistic.

And after three decades of working both grass-roots politics and corporate boardrooms, Mixner is ready for more.

"David is the best strategist that the gay and lesbian community has," said Diane Abbot, attorney and co-founder with Mixner and the late Randy Close of ANGLE, Access Now for Gay and Lesbian Equality, which raised $3.4 million for Clinton. Mixner put up $30,000 as start-up money.

"This cause is really David's life. He said 'We are fighting for our lives." But for him it is especially true. He is fighting for his life and his work is outstanding as a result of it."

Like most, Mixner has lost many to AIDS, 187 friends by his latest count as well as his business partner, Peter Scott.

When it comes to detail, Mixner can be very down-to-earth. At ANGLE, Mixner looked around to see what political organizations were effective -- and why -- and came up with the idea of sending out a ballot slate with ANGLE's candidates on it.

Mixner has been in the political arena since the anti Vietnam days.

"He doesn't believe in reinventing the wheel," said Abbott, who helped found MECLA, the first gay PAC, with Mixner in 1977. "He believes in making it better."

But when Mixner speaks about gay rights, his words become almost spiritual.

"We all are called upon to make specific sacrifices," said Mixner, who has lost clients for years over his outspoken stance on gay rights. "Some of us heed that call, others don't."

Mixner says losing clients is a small price to pay when young gay enlisted men like Allen Schindler are losing their lives in the military from acts of gay-bashing.

A follower of Mahatma Ghandi, a belief in non-violence doesn't stop Mixner from being militant. Since the 1960's, he's been arrested more than ten times. He says that civil disobedience planned at the Pentagon following the March on Washington is a good strategy.

"The Pentagon is the root of the problem," said Mixner of the action there. "An action there points up great injustice and it makes sense to get arrested there because that is the site of the injustice.

"It educates the public and shows people we're willing to go to jail over the issues of gays in the military."

In his own way, Mixner perhaps epitomizes the gay community of the 90's -- a check writing, street fighting activist as at home in boardrooms as the barricades. ▼

The author of "Lesbian Lists," Dell Richards new book "Superstars: Twelves Lesbians Who Changed the World," will be out in September.

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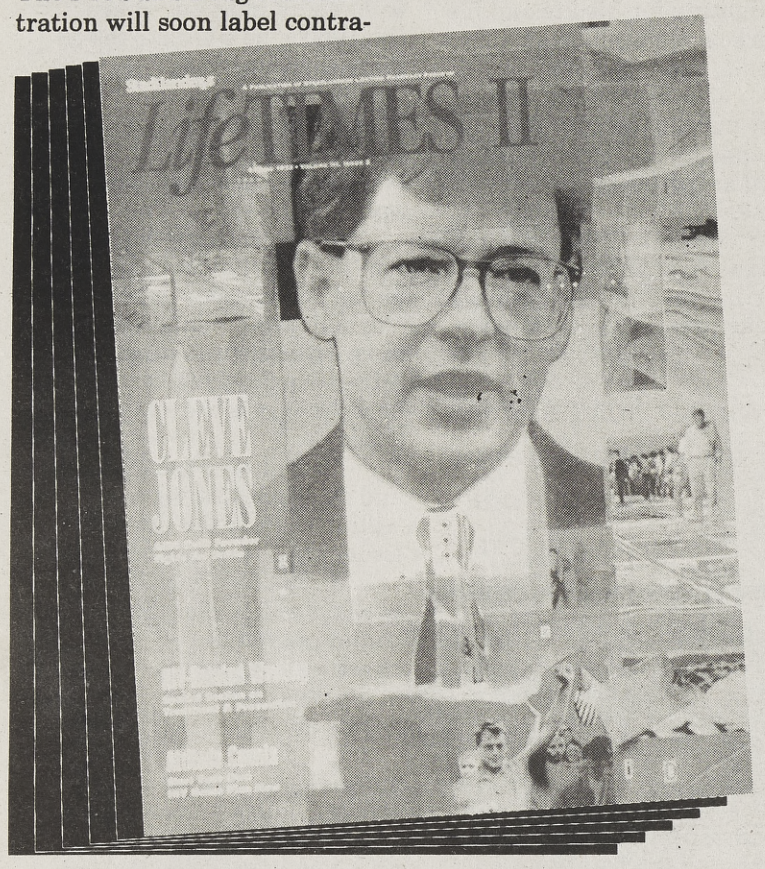
HIV NEWSLINE

by Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Clarifying Labels ...

The Food and Drug Administration will soon label contraceptives used solely to prevent unwanted pregnancies (the pill, IUDs, etc.) to state that these products do NOT provide protection against HIV or any other sexually transmitted disease, and that these products must be used in combination with latex condoms. Teenagers especially confuse the term "protection" and the FDA wants to clarify this for product users.



Former Sacramentan, Cleve Jones, Founder of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt.

New definition adds to caseload ...

The revised federal definition of AIDS (to include additional disease a well as low T-cell count) has resulting in the reporting of 35,000 new cases during the first quarter of this year. About 60 percent of these cases qualified as AIDS cases because of the new definition. Of 289,320 total cases reported since the beginning of the epidemic 12 years ago, 182,275 have died. IN Sacramento, we've lost nearly 800. The Sacramento AIDS Foundation reports that in the last nine months alone, the number of people needing home health care has gone from 40 to 150, with nearly 200 others getting close to needing special care. IN the midst of this huge increase in ed-stage clients, when operating costs as well as individual needs are multiplying, the community is gearing up to face yet another budget crisis.

Poppers study ...

A recent five-year study of 249 gay men in Canada showed that the more knowledge people have about how HIV is transmitted, the less likely they are to have unsafe sex -- unless they are using marijuana, alcohol, or amyl nitrate (poppers). However, it wasn't clear whether the drug use inadvertently resulted in risky sex, or if the people took the drugs because they planned to have risky sex. Nonetheless, the risky sexual activities dropped significantly after 1985, and have declined steadily over time.

Drug pellets ...

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Moderate Alcohol ...

A recent study at the University of Philadelphia reports that even moderate alcohol consumption after becoming sero-positive may accelerate the growth rate of HIV in the body. The study revealed that drinking only two beers a day not only suppressed to body's immune system, but enabled HIV to replicate more rapidly.

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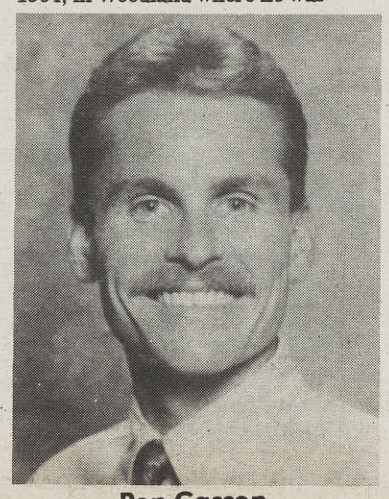
FAREWELL

Ronnie Howard Gasson

And still one bright glowing light dimmed briefly on Thursday morning, March 18, when Ronnie Gasson passed from this life into one of peace and great joy. He was 28 years of age.

Ronnie was born on June 26, 1964, in Woodland where he was



Ron Gasson

raised. He graduated from Woodland High School where he was very active in theatre. He was in the coasts of *Oliver* and *Bye Bye Birdie* and many Shakespeare plays. Later he because involved with the local productions of P.A.A.R.C. shows.

His many other interests were bowling, where he had been a member of River City Sunday Mixed for the past five years. He traveled with SAGA's Bowling Teams to Vancouver where his team placed in the finals. He enjoyed country music and loved to dance. He enjoyed hiking, camping, and loved to water ski. He was an excellent downhill skier too.

Ronnie is survived by his dear friend and partner in life, Jim Green of Sacramento; his parents, Robert and Kay Gasson of Woodland; a sister, Linda Gasson of Henderson, NV; his grandmother, Katherine Gasson of Woodland; and uncle and aunt Lowell and Hollie Alger of Davis; and numerous great aunts, cousins and many, many gay friends in the community.

He will be remembered for his love of life, concern for those less fortunate and his humor, which he maintained until the end.

We will always remember his hearty laughter and the pleasure that he brought into the lives of all who knew him. "He who lives in the hearts of friends, will never die."

To the friends of Ronnie Gasson: Jim Green and the family of Ronnie Gasson would like to express their gratitude for the love and support given to Ronnie during his illness. He spoke many times of the wonderful friends he had. God bless each and every one of you. ▼

Marrty Denton Arlin

Marrty Denton Arlin, born in Sacramento and was a local hairdresser for twelve years, peacefully passed on Tuesday, March 9, 1993 at Mercy San Juan Hospital due to AIDS.

At the young age of 33, Marrty resided with his living companion Garry Browning and family of seven years. He also leaves a large family of 9 brothers and sisters, and his mother.

Goodbye for now to our dear, gently, funny, caring, sweet and very playful physical being. His loving spirit will always be within all of our hearts.

Remembrances may be made in donation to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation at 920 20th St., 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. ▼

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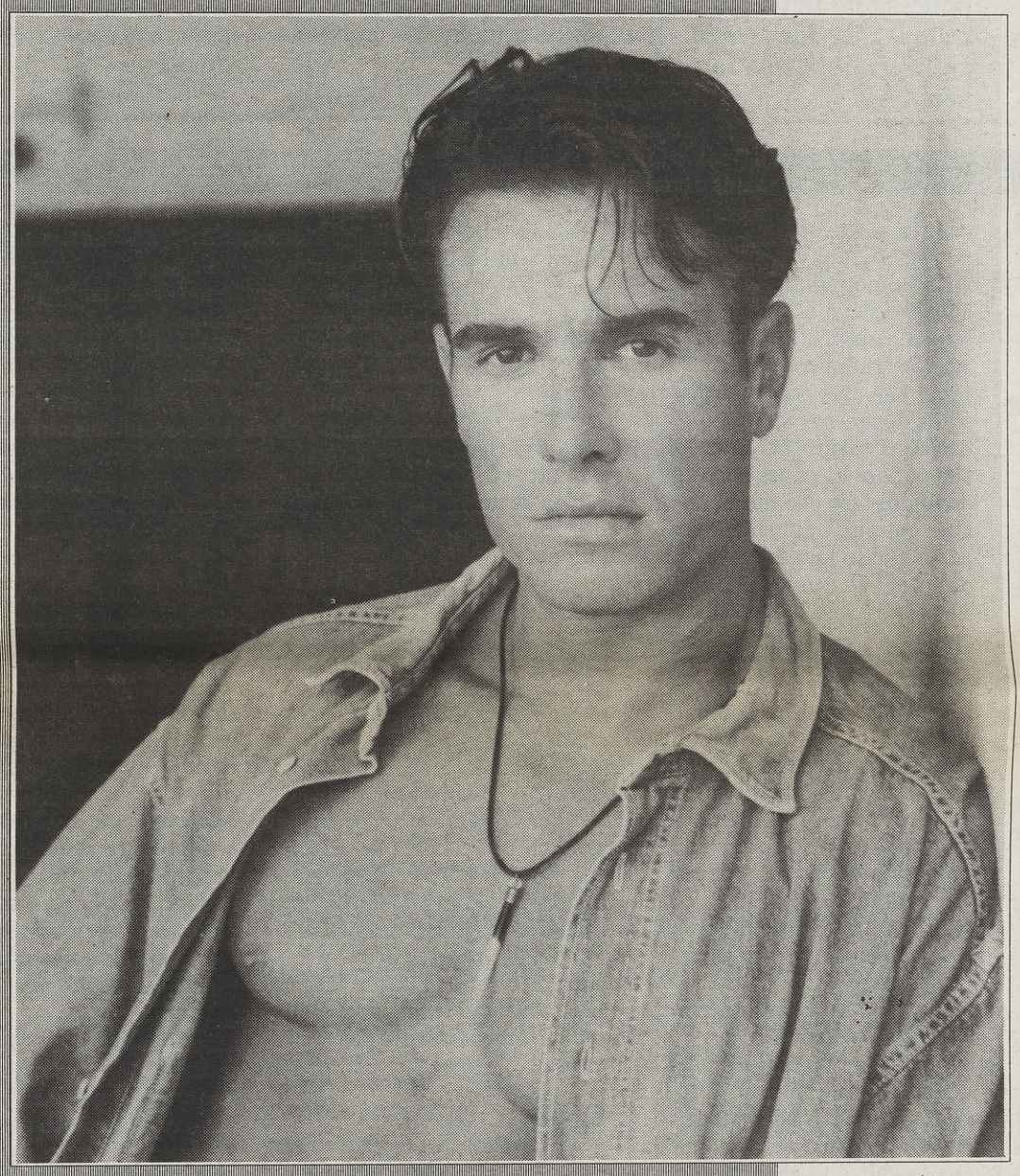

. . . Or I make bargains—like he doesn't have to use a condom as long as he pulls out. But then he won't. And I don't even know if I want him to.

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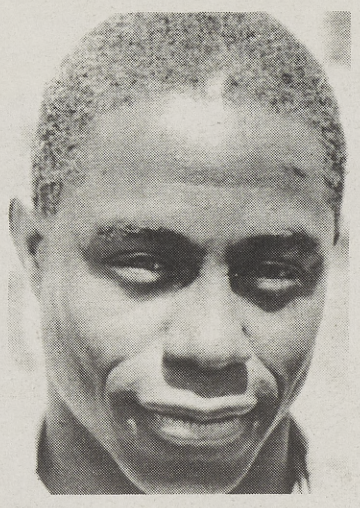
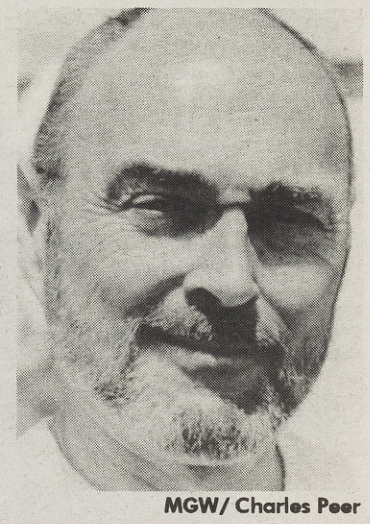


Liegh DeBose
More community based organizations and gay youth groups and a better liaison to the straight community

Lisa Kenton
Some clean and sober dances and more support groups, like for people getting out of relationships, etc.

Eric Rozendahl
More professional training, like interviewing skills and career counseling.

Erin Pearce
More yard sales and better promotions of the programs and services they do offer.



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More aggressive programs to help young people come out and integrate into the community.

MEDIA WATCH

by Hollie Conley
GLADD/SFBA

For Better or for Worse

The nationally syndicated comic strip For Better or For Worse, by Lynn Johnston, currently features a story line about Lawrence, one of the strip's regular characters, coming out of the closet. The series realistically portrays the typical feeling of denial, fear and pain on the part of Lawrence, his friend Mike, and his parents (his father kicks him out of the house in the middle of the night) that so many of us have experienced. According to Johnston, the character had always been gay in her mind, and it was time for him to come out.

Gay and lesbian visibility in the comic pages is especially important, since the comics are read by many young who may be struggling with homophobia. It is shocking that this comic strip, which contains no politics, sex, or "inappropriate" language, has been banned by some dozen newspapers across the country. Some of the papers have dropped the strip only for the duration of the "coming out" story line, projected to last 2-3 weeks; others have cancelled " For Better or for Worse" altogether.

The *Union Leader*, in Manchester, New Hampshire, dropped the strip and published a front page editorial condemning writer Johnston for having "decided to join the political propaganda ranks and use her strip to promote homosexuality as a normal, acceptable and morally justified life-style... We think it is improper for her to camouflage her editorial comments as entertainment, especially when it is in a section read by children. This is another example of propaganda aimed at the young... Which promote acceptance of the so-called gay lifestyles."

The editorial is signed by the paper's publisher, Nackey Loeb, who may be written to at the Union Leader, 100 William Loeb Drive, Manchester NH 03109, Tel, 603-688-4321.

The Daily Oklahoman replaced the comic strip with a "Letter to Our Readers" which read, in part "It is not our intent to introduce this complex topic [homosexuality] to the comics pages, which is read by thousands of our young readers." Write to The Daily Oklahoman, 9000 Broadway Extension, Oklahoma City, OK 73114, tel. 405-475-3311.

Back here in civilization, the strip is still being carried by those papers who normally publish it: The SF *Chronicle*, the San Jose *Mercury News*, and the Oakland *Tribune*. You are encourage to comment on *For Better or for Worse* by writing to any of these papers that you read (their addresses maybe on their editorial pages).

CNN

On March 28, CNN broadcast a half hour special entitled "Gay by Nature or Nurture," which focused on the debate over the causes of sexual orientation. Hosted by Dan Rutz, CNN Medical Corespondent, the program interviewed researchers in genetics, biology, neurology and psychology on the state of current sexual orientation research. Rutz also interviewed several lesbian and gay people about their experience of their sexual orientation. These interviews were conducted fairly and objectively.

Unfortunately, the final segment of the show (constituting about a quarter of the program) focused on various methods of "changing" one's sexual orientation. Rutz interviewed members of "Love in Action", a Bay Area-based religious cult which purports to make gays and lesbians heterosexual. Love in Action was described by Rutz as a "unique ministry" that is "non judgmental" in its approach. He did not mention that Love in Action is closely involved with various hate groups (members of the cult are prominently featured in "The Gay Agenda", the Nazi-esque video tape currently being circulated to government officials nationwide). Rutz also interviewed Joseph Nicolosi, a Los Angeles psychologist who claims that homosexuality is a treatable illness. Nicolosi has made a career of talk show appearances and involvement in hate groups in California, Oregon and Colorado.

This disproportionate and uncritical attention to the lunatic fringe left the audience with the impression that whether or not homosexuality is "changeable" is a controversy among psychologists, and that whether or not to "change" one's sexual orientation is a point of debate in the lesbian/gay community. Write to Dan Rutz, the reporter, and to R.E. Turner, Chairman, at Turner Broadcasting System, P.O. Box 105366, Atlanta, GA, 30348

Wall Street Journal

The *Wall Street Journal* still has apparently no journalistic standards when its comes to the publication of homophobic op-ed pieces. You may recall last year's piece by Irving Kristol which argued that HIV virus was somehow caused by homosexual acts. This week (on March 31st) they featured an opinion by J. Gordon Muir entitled "Homosexuals and the 10% Fallacy." The piece said that activists had based their claims for civil rights on the "conventional wisdom" that 10% of the population is gay or lesbian, then set out to prove the fallacy of the 10% figure. Unfortunately, all the information cited came from Paul Cameron, Identified in the article only as a "researcher" whose work on the subject "is soon to be published in Psychological Reports."

Paul Cameron is a psychologist who has been kicked out of the American Psychological Association and censured by the American Sociological Association for distorting and misrepresenting data in his lifelong campaign to promote homophobia. He has been publicly attacked by various legitimate researchers for distorting their findings, and his testimony in courts as an "expert witness" has been barred by judges who investigated his credentials. "Psychological Reports" is a vanity publication with no professional prestige, in which Cameron Pays to publish his "research." He has worked closely with virtually every hate group in the country going from talk shows to government hearing in his promotion of hate initiatives and fighting civil rights laws.

Of course lesbians and gays deserve equal treatment whether we constitute 10% or 5% of the population, and we welcome all legitimate research which tells us more about our community. But the *Wall Street Journal* should not be pretending that Cameron's incessant manufacture of date to promote homophobia has any scientific credibility.

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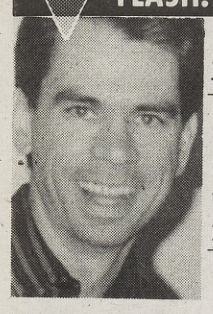

Anniversaries, birthdays, and more!

Flash Returns ...

by John Batchelor
MGW Staff

A Big Move and the **March on Washington** took priority over my writing chores recently. However, FLASH was only on hiatus and now returns in all its glory. If you personally are considering a change of residents, don't do what I did, hire a company to do it all. Go into debt if you have to! In my case it wasn't an easy task after 13 years. It was necessary, but not easy. And now on to Washington. ● A taste of **true freedom** was experience by those who took part in this **March on Washington.** Every plane, every restaurant, every hotel and every D.C. Metro station was packed with gays and lesbians. For a few days we all felt like part of the majority, an experience that will not be duplicated again until the **Unity 94 Gay Games.** And while the weekend was one of concern and celebration with our brothers and sisters, it also made us yearn for the way things could be. We will be witness to a time of promise but it is doubtful that the promise of true equality will be fulfilled in our lifetime. But with out eyes cast to the future, we can all take part in the eventual solution. ● One side not to the D.C. March is the disappearance of some beautiful ornamental ducks from the Sacramento yard of **Ray Cavanaugh**. Strangely enough the ducks did surface in the nation's capital during the historic march. Apparently participants in Washington were enthralled by the fowl and many a picture was taken. The thieves are still at large as of this writing. ● Local **women and men** marching in Sacramento and D.C. can stand proud with those from the rest of the country. It appeared to me that everyone at both marches was respectful of each other. All factions of the community got along harmoniously in the greater good. There were no arrests and the marches were peaceful.. However, if the federal agencies don't learn how to count, the peaceful marches of the future may turn violent. The answer is clear; don't insult us, count each and every person from every part of the USA. ● Check out all the items being donated to the **CAP/PAC Silent/Live Auction** on pg. 3 of this issue. The **Auction** will be during this annual dinner on June 5 at the **Radisson Hotel.** Save your pennies!! ● Congratulations to **Elizabeth Warren** of Taylor's Market fame for receiving **Sacramento News & Review's Best Sacramento Readers Poll** award. She was selected as one of the Best Local Artist. ● Happy belated April Birthday wishes to **Jay Henry, Randy Gray, Michael Starr-Fuhr, Ted Pfanner,** the lovely **Miss Stacey** and **Sissy Billingsley, Lynne Ohlson, Jan Stonebreakers, Dr. Janet Rodgers, Rosemarry Metrailer, Zana Blazer and Judy Ludwig.** Happy May Birthday wishes to my **Mom, Gary Coates, Pete Pavey, Rob Jenkins, Cindy Mariano, Jennifer Birner, Lynne's Dad.** ● **Dr. Sid Crain** and **John Daniels** hosted a spring evening with **Carole Migden.** The list of sponsors was impressive. A few of the many involved were **Alison Anderson, Barbara Brecher, Dr. Bob Malley** and **Robert Oakes.** Ms. Midgen is one of the states most prominent gay and lesbian leaders who is frequently mentioned as a candidate for higher office. ● The **Capital AIDS Walk** is Sunday, June 6. By all predictions, Sacramento will host the largest AIDS walk-a-thon ever. The list of principal and major sponsors is staggering. It was great to see three major banks involved this year. There are also eleven prominent radio stations behind this effort. Registration forms are available all over town. See you there! ● The **Sacramento Men's Chorus' (SMC)** cabaret show, "Country," was a hit. All four concerts were sell-outs in a new innovative setting. And the voices succeeded in melting my cares away. Sound like this columnist enjoyed it, doesn't it? He did! Also on the program was the C&W trio **Open Road**. Their opening numbers were a bit sedate but the group's finale "Entitled to be Free" with SMC backup was truly inspirational. The **Rainbow Stompers** also livened up the program with some down home clogging. Rounding out the program was the **Capitol City Squares** with some great square dancing. The square dancing was the most activistic part of the show. Some six couples actually dance together in front of a *somewhat* mixed audience. The chorus selections and lyrics were not nearly as daring. However **Russ Marsh** was a "hostess" of sorts between sets. He posed as **Ima Faux-Pearl** (a distant, distant relative of Minnie Pearl) in a provocative ensemble to the delight of the audience. Rumor has it that his other half **James Ozanich** can not get Russ to take the dress off in between workouts at Valentis gym! If you missed this concert, you have another chance on June 18 when SMC presents "Pride in Diversity" in conjunction with the Lambda Freedom Fair. This group will bring tears to your eyes -- the right kind of tears. ● Another even associated with the Lambda Fair is the **Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change (SLCC)** Freedom Dance on June 18. The newly renovated YWCA will be the site for the dance. Come celebrate our pride on this special weekend. ● Belated birthday wishes to **Tom "MAMA" Dubay** who sported a snappy C&W dress at the SMC concert. The outfit was designed by the world famous team of **Colin Miller** and **Ed Hakri**. Some in attendance mentioned that the garment was a bit understated compared to those worn at past outings. And by the way Tom catered all the food for the cabaret. ● And speaking of **Gary Coates,** friends celebrating this cornerstone birthday donned special tee-shirts. The tees were emblazoned with a huge photograph of Gary in a **Marilyn Monroe** outfit (a loose interpretation!) from a past Halloween party. Gary had forgotten the picture even existed and promptly disowned all those attending the party. ● Welcome **Martin Casey** to the staff of the **Positive Social Support News Digest (PSSN)**. The former **Pattar** newspaper editor is now the editor of PSSN.

There is no doubt in our minds that Martin will approach the job with a passion. Best Wishes. ● For those on the verge of making their way to the Country & Western dance floor. My dance mini-course will bring you all the way *out*! Classes in Beginning Partner, Line Dances Only and an Intermediate level will be offered starting May 24 at the MCC Grand Ballroom. ● The **Sacramento Bee** gave the Broadway musical **Falsettos** three and one half stars. It's a sentimental story about a Jewish man who comes out of the closet a little late. He then learns to grow and mature. The show plays at the Curran Theater in San Francisco through May 23. Don't miss it. ● **Mike Tentis** is sponsoring his 2nd annual "Float Down the River" party on May 23. This year the festivities will benefit the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. It is open to one and all. Contact me at the paper for more details. ● **Debby Bell**, SMC Entourage Director, went to a hair stylist recently who personally worked on the "Big Hair" episode of **Designing Women**. The new hairdo is smashing but it's doubtful she will survive the abuse from the Chorus members. ● Catch a set of the women rock musical group, **Sunny Bell and the Untamed.** Check the schedule at Cafe Montreal and if the band is not on it, request them. Other members of the group are **Annie Conley, Terri Planiden, and Jody Seidman.** This is music to twist your mind open. ● Kudos to the **Sacramento Ballet** on their breathtaking and humorous **Cinderella** production. This is the first time yours truly has not played the comedy role of a stepsister in twelve years! However, the characters were handled beautifully (in a fun way) by Artistic Director **Ron Cunningham** and company artist **Stephen Wolf.** That's not bad company to be in. ● The second annual **West Coast Lesbians' Festival** takes place Memorial Day weekend in Santa Barbara. For up to date information call (904) 826-0410. ● **Nightlife** is happening both day **and** night in Sacramento's hot spots. First off, make a point to see the movie, **Strictly Ballroom** at the Tower Theatre. It's great fun with a wide array of music and of course lots of dancing. ● What can a good waitress do? If it's **Vannah Woolsey-What** with **KC's** assistance, she can raise $110 for **RCDC**. That's what they did on a Sunday morning with a delightful and delicious "**Cafe Vannah.**" Waitress Vannah, sporting an unusual brunette coif, served homemade waffles and fruit cups to the hungry early and late morn-

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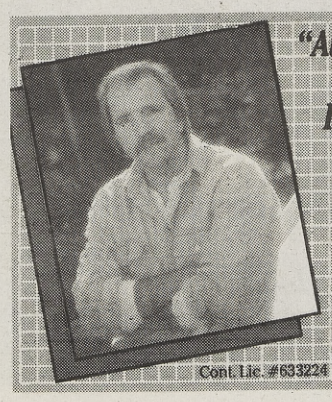
Rainbow Real Estate Professionals sponsored a rummage & bake sale to benefit Lambdain the Lambda's parking lot.



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So how many were there?

Determining the real MOW count

by Aaron Marcus
MGW Staff

If there is any agreement on head counts released by the National Park Service (NPS), it is that nobody ever agrees with them. But this time, NPS officials were sure they got the March on Washington count right - after changing it twice.

Citing aerial observations, comparative analysis and mathematics, Park Police Major Robert Hines announced to the press that there were 200,000 marchers present on march Sunday - and then changed his mind - and announced the revised count of 300,000. All this by 4:00 p.m. - while the March continued for another two hours.

The head count debate was still roaring two weeks later, and according to Greg Adams of the MOW committee, it may be resolved by even another "official" number by the NPS. As of press time - Tom Collier, head of the U.S. Department of the Interior - the agency that oversees the NPS - had agreed with march organizers to conduct a review of the methodology and results of the count.

Park Police are required by congressional mandate to estimate and report on the numbers of people present on the Washington Mall at any major event. Because of this mandate, organizers consider the NPS count to be a critical measure of an events success.

MGW/David Felderstein

Yes!! 25 years together ...

Over the years, records have been accumulated that show a pattern of "politically correct" events being over-counted, and of protest type events being under-counted. "Politically correct" in this sense refers to inaugurals, celebrations and post-war rallies reflecting mainstream consensus. Crowds that have shown up to protest the Viet Nam War, women's rights ... and of course lesbian and gay rights, have always been under-counted.

The very nature of an event as large as last month's march may preclude ever getting an accurate count; at no single moment was it possible to have everyone present for the march, actually present in one spot. The length of time involved - ten hours start to finish - and the wide dispersal of many of the major contingencies, probably worked against an accurate count from the very beginning.

For instance, California, as a group, was thought to have been represented by tens-of-thousands of marchers. That group however, never got together. Many marched with other groups such as PFLAG, or by themselves. And of course there was the now-famous mutiny by the folks from Los Angeles; after several hours of waiting to join the parade around the White House, they turned around 180 degrees and marched over to the South side of the Mall and down to the front of the staging area - an end run - dragging what remained of "California" with it. Sacramento was even separated into splinter groups - with one group marching by the IRS building at 5:15 p.m., even as others had been sunning on the mall lawn for hours.

The bottom line is this: other crowd estimates and statistics released by official and not so official organizations easily counter the 300,000-person count from NPS. In actuality, not one other government agency offered a count of their own any lower than 500,000.

At the high end of the estimates is the one from Sam Jordan, head of the District of Columbia's Office of Emergency Preparedness: 1.1 million. D.C.'s mayor said 1-million. Then there's the Washington Blade, D.C.'s gay and lesbian newspaper, who put the count at 750,000.

More abstractly, Metro officials estimated subway ridership to-and- from the area on the day of the march to be between 420,000 and 450,000 - similar to the ridership at last year's pro-choice rally - at which the NPS said there were 500,000-people. Add to that the fact that Dupont Circle, the heart of Washington's gay and lesbian community, is only a short stroll from the Mall, and you have a reasonable argument for more than 500,000 at the MOW.

Finally, note they even counted the garbage; To say that Washington got trashed march day would be an understatement. D.C.'s Waste Management folks jumped on the statistical bandwagon and announced that they had picked up 64 tons of garbage - 34 tons more than for the Clinton inaugural - a day in which metro ridership topped 800,000 people.

So ultimately it comes down to your point of view - from the air it was said that the crowd didn't appear to be very dense - from the ground it looked bigger than any

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Are these the soldiers that President Clinton had in mind?

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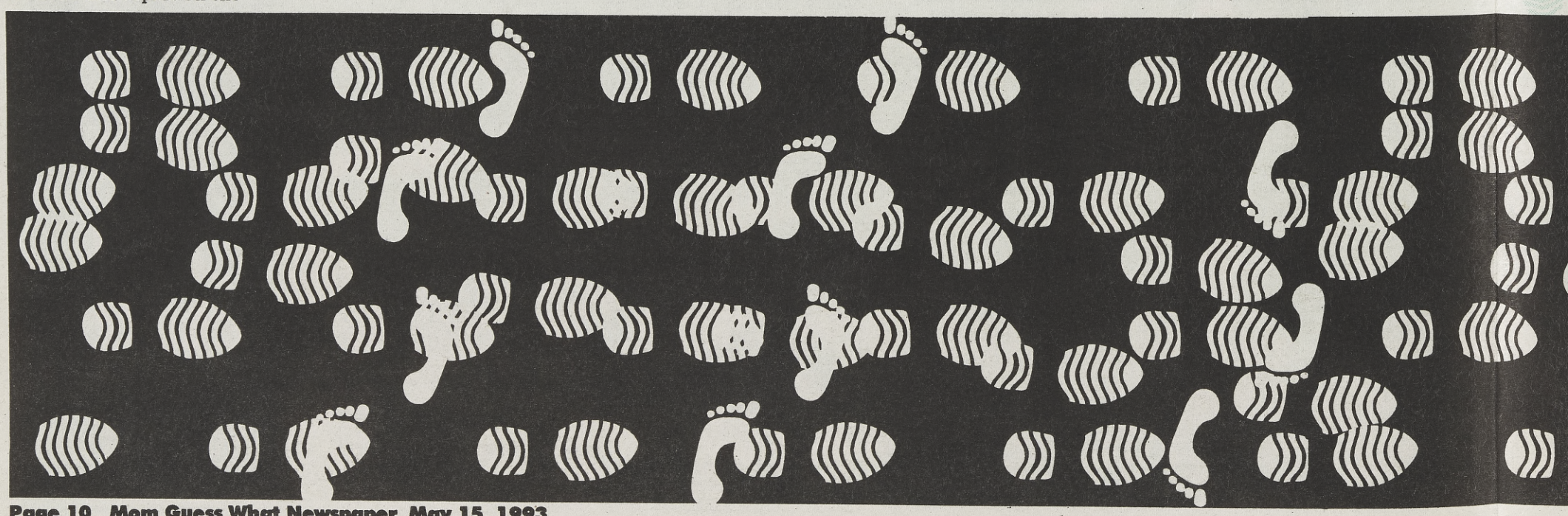
General Powell should have seen these "regular" people.



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Our own Sacramento residents didn't step off until 3:30 on the day of the march, and they made it all the way to the White House.

Freedom parade ever held in Los Angeles, New York or San Francisco - events which regularly draw 400,000-500,000 people.

So if the highest priority was getting an accurate count of everyone who went to Washington, then participants could have done a better job of getting to the Mall itself - but as one observer put it days later - "They told us all to go the Mall ... and at least half of us got confused and went shopping!" ▼

Some Comparisons: Other crowd estimates from the past - as announced by the National Park Service:

Martin Luther King civil rights march
August 1963 - 250,000

March on the Pentagon
October 1967 - 200,000

Vietnam moratorium rally
November 1969 - 600,000

Washington for Jesus
April 1980 - 200,000

Pro-choice march
November 1989 - 200,000

Pro-life march
April 1990 - 200,000

N.O.W. march & rally
April 1992 - 500,000

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Oregon celebrates their victory.

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Chapter Twelve

This is the story of Adam...

Previously: Adam began dating Amanda in hopes of ridding all thoughts that he was gay. It was the only way he felt that Larry would be his friend again. One afternoon Adam received an unsigned letter in his locker requesting a meeting. Hopeful that it was Larry he eagerly went to the meeting place.

I shaded my eyes to better my view. I still couldn't see who it was. I wanted so badly for it to be Larry. More so, for it to be Larry wanting to tell me that he wanted to be my friend again. I dreaded it being some fool that I didn't want to see, I knew it would be difficult to hide my disappointment.

Finally I was close enough to see that it was Larry. The entire situation changed. I knew who wanted to meet me, now I had to wonder why. I became nervous and scared. What if he wanted to bitch me out for making his life a living hell with his father, or what if it was going to be a cold encounter where he asks for something that I had of his. I feared he would continue to be distant and rude to me.

I stopped about ten feet in front of him. I said nothing as I waited for him to speak. I did not want to be responsible for the tone of the conversation.

"Hi," he said. It wasn't much but it was a beginning. "I want to apologize for the way I acted a while back, you have to understand I have been under a lot of pressure from my dad. I haven't forgotten anything I said on Halloween. I really do care about you and want to be your friend. It was just my dad."

"So what has changed now? Why are you here talking to me. Wouldn't your dad shit if he caught us here?" I said, keeping my voice emotionless.

"My dad has gone to Florida. He is looking for us a house out there. I might be moving soon. Listen, with my dad gone and everything I decided it would be worth a risk being your friend. You are one of the true friends that I have. I will miss you when I am gone and wanted to at least have some good times before I left"

I edited that from my mind for the moment. I was too happy to hear that I was important enough to him that he wanted to be my friend. We sat and began talking. He told me that he found out some pretty raunchy stuff about his sister, and she was so scared of him telling that she would never give us any problem at school.

He reached out and touched the scab on my forehead, "That looks pretty bad. I can't believe all the stuff we went through. I am glad that you're feeling better."

He suddenly drew his hand back. I knew he must have realized that it could have been mistaken for intimacy, and now regretted it. Right after that I began to tell him about Amanda and me. I felt that would relieve some of his fears about me being gay. It seemed to work. throughout the course of the conversation he seemed to become more at ease with me.

We were able to pick up where we had left off. We had become even better friends. I still couldn't deny the fact that I loved him a great deal, but I kept it hidden. I continued dating Amanda. The intimacy seemed to get easier. I looked at it in a way that gave me inspiration to do so. I felt that as long as I was her boyfriend it would make things easier for Larry to deal with. I sincerely hoped that I would eventually grow to love her but seriously doubted it. There came a time when sex was discussed. I really wasn't sure what to do. I knew no matter how hot and heavy we got in out making out I never had an erection. I didn't think I could actually perform for her. Finally I concocted a story about being religious, and that pre-marital sex was wrong. She bought it.

I had a lot of fun with Larry. We would go to breakfast before school. We would go cruising too. I had always held on to this deep dark hope that he was in love with me and hiding it like I used to. I justified it by thinking, "Why would he do so much for me? He wanted to be my friend really bad. He must feel more than just friendship for me!"

None of that was really a solution. The plain facts were that he was moving to Florida soon. Even if he did love me he would leave before he ever had the chance to express it. This hung like a shadow over us. The I savored the time spent with him. I did not want to take a single thing for granted knowing I was going to lose him. I cried once and a while over it.

In the following months I changed physically too. I didn't eat as much as I used to. The whole puppy love thing severely effected my appetite. I lost about twenty five pounds in the first month after the Halloween incident. Larry got me smoking regularly and we rode bikes a lot so I lost another ten in the following month. I looked at myself in the mirror one day and for the first time I didn't hate what I saw. My face seemed to have cleared up and I was thinner.

In the December following the Halloween incident came my eighteenth birthday. I hadn't had a birthday party in years, and really didn't want one. I planned to spend my birthday with Larry and Amanda. We planned to go out and have a good time. They seemed to get along really good.

My mother informed me a few days prior that she and my father would have to attend an important meeting out of town, and would be unable to be around the evening of my birthday. I told my mom not to worry that I was going out with Amanda and Larry. She became extremely concerned and angry. She gave me this speech about how Larry was nothing but a punk and that she didn't want me to hang around him. She went on to blame him for what had happened on Halloween. I knew my mother had felt that way, but we had never discussed it before. She was very adamant about my not spending my birthday with him. I told her she was right and that it would be more romantic for just Amanda and me anyway.

I did not realize that my mother hated him so much. I didn't understand at the time why this was such a big deal. She knew that I hung out with Larry at school. I figured what she did not know wouldn't hurt her and kept my plans.

The morning before my birthday my sister called and invited me to her house to give me the gift she had bought me. I told her that Amanda and I would stop by before our dinner.

The evening of my birthday Larry, Amanda and I met at the park. We chatted for awhile and headed to my sister's house. When we arrived I decide to invite Larry in. It would be mean to make him stay in the car just because I was afraid my sister would tell my mother. I decided if I asked my sister nicely enough she wouldn't tell.

I knew the entire family including my sister didn't like Larry. Who knows how the gossip got misconstrued, by the time the news about Halloween reached the rest of the family it had become the story that Larry and I were lover's.

Other stories I had heard were that Larry had tried to make me gay! It was so ridiculous.

We reached the door. I opened it and couldn't believe what I saw! My entire family, including grandma's, grandpa's, aunt's and uncles from all over, jumped out yelling "SURPRISE".

To be continued.

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E.J. Byington:

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they want him and they were good for him," Carpentier said.

E.J.'s reunion with his sister will not be without problems. Victoria thinks E.J. has identified as gay because "the only positive attention he has received has been from the gay community, I really don't think he's gay and he knows that I will accept it but that I believe it to be morally wrong." Carpentier is happy that E.J. is currently in a halfway house in Minneapolis, "where he is getting help from really good psychologists who will give him a chance to figure out who he really is."

Bob Illingworth, the program director at the Sherburne House, an extended care facility for chemically dependant adolescent males would not confirm or deny that E.J. is in their care because of issues of confidentiality. He did allow himself to say that he hopes the Minnesota authorities will be more focused on the good of the child than some in other states and that they will use common sense in his placement. He thinks a reunion with Carpentier "could be successful." An attorney in Minneapolis with expertise in family law matters is ready to assist in this effort.

Any letters or donations should be addressed to Jake Steuble, Treasurer, Lambda Community Center, P.O. Box # 163654, Sacramento, CA 95616. ▼

Fraternity:

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TKE is holding this 1993 Conclave (meeting of active college members) at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport Hotel from Wednesday, August 18, through Saturday, August 21, 1993. This is the second time that TKE will hold a conclave in San Francisco. Their Nineteenth Conclave was held at the Palace Hotel in September of 1930.

TKE was founded on and is guided by three principles -- love, charity and esteem. Recognizing that AIDS is an illness that impacts all directly or indirectly, the Council adopted a very responsible policy of AIDS. ▼

Outgunned:

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limiting the use of federal funds on AIDS education which set Hinman and his lover, Larry Beatty thinking. "We were excited by the large number of people at the march and we wanted to find a way to use that energy effectively."

HRCF's King agrees. He adds that if people not only came to Washington, D.C., for the April march -- but brought letters with them, it would help sway the minds of legislators. Congress people may not actually weight letters but they certainly count -- and they know which side is ending the most.

"If everyone who comes to Washington brings three letters, it's bound to make a big impact on the Capitol."

HRCF is so committed to lifting the military ban, it recently put out a special issue of the quarterly newsletter telling people the who, what and where of writing to their lawmakers.

"We tell them how and give them a menu of 40 points to choose from," said King. "We are trying to encourage people to write -- we need a massive campaign to counteract what is going on."

To get a letter-writing kit from HRCF, call (800) 777-HFCR. To get form letters, call LLP at (916) 965-6851 or write 6212 Silverton Way, Carmichael CA 95608. ▼

Dell Richards' new book "Superstars" will be out in September.

Flash:

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ing crowds and the **Mercantile Saloon.** ● **Faces** was the place for the "Suds N Studs" car wash. The benefit was all good clean fun and included the traditional faces BBQ ● Plan you next birthday dinner at the **Town House** restaurant. Some patrons are even suggesting that the Town House move the restaurant to the lower level and the bar and pool table upstairs. It would be the Cafe San Marcos in San Francisco. Any possibility??? ● The **Buffalo Club** temporarily suspended its Sunday and Tuesday country & western dancing. They are in need of a C&W disc jockey. Could they be looking for you? Give them a call... we need all the dancing we can get. ● The **Wreck Room's** novelty gift shop has just the item or travel guide you are looking for. The next time you're at the bar, don't overlook this gem. ● The Sunday brunch at **Joseph's Town & County (JTC)** is fast becoming a tradition. The menu now includes 15 items, all at a very reasonable price. They also have quite a loyal following. ● The newest club in town, the **Mirage** is holding its own with a billiards organization, baseball team and just plain fun. Stop by and say hello. ● That's all now, make plans for the Lambda Fair in McKinley Park ...

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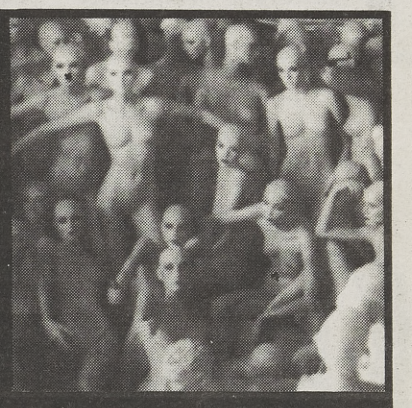
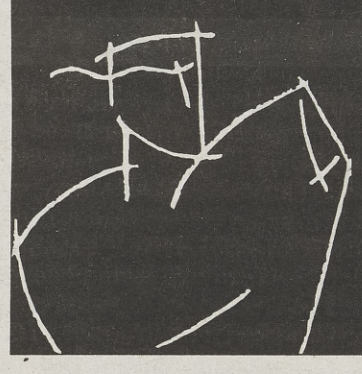
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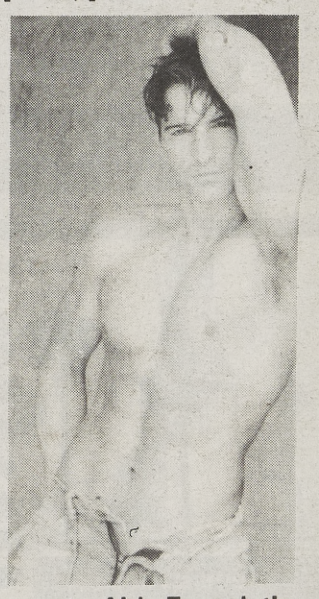
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Tower presents lesbian/gay film series

by Stever Mark and Andross
MGW Staff

The Tower Theater is presenting a series of lesbian and gay movies for late night showing and some weekend matinees.

The first film in the series was "Daddy and the Muscle Academy," a documentary depicting the evolution of the art work of Tom of Finland.

The Art of Tom of Finland
in "Daddy and the Muscle Academy"

Tom of Finland is interviewed regarding his fascination with the leather scene. When asked about why he exaggerates the erotic features of his subjects he contends that if they were to be life-like then one could simply take a photograph. He always wanted men to feel good about themselves. By drawing the pictures in the manner in which he did, he gives them incentive to better themselves.

The second film on May 21, 22, 28, and 29, is "Female Misbehavior," created by Monika Treut. This is a candid documentary portraying four misbehaving women. The first is a narcissistic academic, Camille Paglia, whose philosophy is shunned by both fundamentalist and mainstream feminists. The second is called "Annie Sprinkle,." and is a combination stripper and stand up comedian. She explains the importance of make-up to transform her from average to beautiful. She blatantly displays her body with many antics.

In the third part we meet a woman who explains what has drawn her to the leather scene. With a fascination for her breasts, she conveyed the importance of pain to her life and what draws many people to S&M.

In the last segment, Max is introduced. Max is part way through the process of a "Female to Male" transformation. This segment compels the audience to empathize with Max's feeling, especially with the decision making process.

Other films that will appear in the Lesbian and Gay Late Night Film Presentations are: *"Together Alone"* June 4,5, and 11,12, *"Flaming Ears"* June 18,19, 25, 26, *"Sex Is"* July 2,3, 9, 10, *"Last Call at Maud's"* July 16, 17, 23, 24, and *"No Skin off My Ass"* July 30, 31, Aug. 6, 7. ▼

Another opinion...

Strictly Ballroom is strictly marvelous!

Reviewed by Steve Mark and Andross
MGW Staff

If you're in for a strictly good time then Strictly Ballroom is the movie for you to see! It's keeps you enthralled from the very beginning till the very end.

The movie does not take itself too seriously and it's melodramatic overtones add an excellent comic book effect that is quite forgivable.

"Strictly Ballroom" stars the very handsome and talented Paul Mercurio who comes through as the hero that we always admire and envy. The set takes place in Australia and builds up to the "Pan Pacific Grand National Spanish Dancing Competition" which Scott Hastings (Mercurio) is a shoe in as the winner. His headstrong determination to perform his own style of dance steps is predicted to be his undoing. Throughout the film extremely colorful, malicious, and manipulative villains are well defined, under the guise of keeping the competition as much of a hit has it always has been. Scott will have none of it.

This leads us to the underlying theme of the film. It is a true to form "Coming out" film. The parallels between Scott's desire to dance his own way and his mothers determination to keep things the way they have always been, directly depicts our struggle to become who we are. The similarities of many peoples' struggles because of gender race and sexual orientation, are insinuated in many lines throughout the film.

An excellent part of this coming out process pertains to the female lead. Fran is the classic ugly duckling who desires to dance with Scott and is given a chance when his regular partner would not be flexible and do any steps that were not traditional. The relationship flows and the characters clearly are interdependent on each other. The love theme is natural and believable, despite the contrasts.

Enhancing the mood of the film throughout is an excellent musical score. Some songs are familiar songs but rendered anew for this film. The ending songs "Love is in the Air" is very catchy and could possibly be nominated for best song in next years academy awards.

The dancing strings the rest of the film together and gives purpose to the joining of all of the characters. Mercuio's performance on the floor would dazzle anyone (move over Patrick Swayze!).

No matter how you're feeling you will leave feeling elated and in love with the characters and the film "Strictly Ballroom"! ▼

A winner for Convergence

"Colors of the World"

by K.K. Ray
MGW staff

No weird hair.
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What, then, makes Convergence's "Colors of the World" so unique? Simple...their innate ability to address contemporary issues in such a commanding, captivating and motivating means.

Local contemporary rock band Convergence engulfs the audience in an ash-grey studio sporting walls splattered with glow-in- the-dark spots, reminiscent of a bizarre attraction at a major theme park.

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The evening is broken up into two acts; the first one kicking off with a rich harmony surprisingly similar to the sounds of Peter, Paul, and Mary, with a lyrical frugality as demonstrated by such groups as Styx and Fleetwood Mac.

Here's the best part...between songs, the troupe metamorphosizes from musician-entertainers into a clan of thought-provoking actor-musicians.

A wide assortment of contemporary political and social themes were addressed passionately in the menagerie of lyrics, monologues, dialogues and interchanges between character- musicians. The group successfully connects emotionally and spiritually with the audience through the manifestation of these true-to-life personas, always followed and preceded by an original musical arrangement.

The interplay between the musicians and actors and actors and musicians tangles the audience in a web of acts within acts, as novelist Italo Calvino accomplished with his plots within plots within plots of "If on a Winter's Night a Traveller." Unlike the book, Colors of the World allows the audience to sit back and be entertained without trying to squish Convergence's round uniqueness into the square hole that is the criteria for today's "successful" live entertainment.

Any band that can successfully set Shakespeare's Sonnet 29 to the twang of Hee-Haw's dueling-banjo melody and tailor the dialogue in a stage act to mention the names of newspaper critics present deserves at least an A for bravery.

Twice during the evening I was pleasantly overpowered by the volume of sound. My ears did a double take initially as the petite Shereen Hickman let loose of her voice like floodwaters over a dam, and I sat on the edge of my stiff wooden chair impatiently until the next and only other time she stunned the audience with the purity of sound and stunning amplification of her voice. Hickman is truly a wonderful gift in a small package. The music was never too loud or too soft. Perfectly staged.

Colors of the World is an excellent medium through which to enjoy and support local entertainers. Even if you don't get a chance to see Colors of the World, run, swim or skate to see Convergence perform elsewhere.

Convergence is Jacqueline Schultz, Paul Bawek, Allen Branson, Rick Gott, Shereen Hickman and Joe Nunziato. ▼

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A Package That's Not Worth Opening

by Nancy Flagg
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Various Artists, Contemporary Instruments, 1991 Narada Productions, Milwaukee, WI

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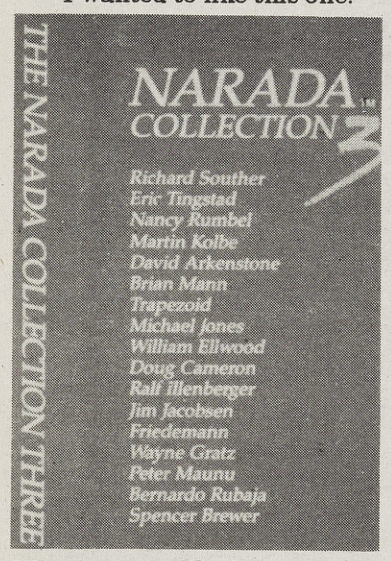


What's not to like in a sampler of 17 accomplished, artists? It's hard to pin down because there isn't anything wrong with any of the numbers, it's just that the package is boring. This mild, inoffensive collection of new age instrumentals is perfect for background music, for relaxation, or for doctor's offices. Totalitarian governments might find it useful for feeding to the masses to keep them subdued and unriled.

Individually considered, there are high points. Of particular appeal are Heart and beat by Ralf Illenberger which features acoustic and electric guitars and Spencer Brewer's Always There. Bernaro Rubaja's New Land is an interesting mix of South and North American influences. There's one thing I'd like to know about this recording, why is it that nearly all the featured artists are male? For music that is supposed to represent a New Age, it seems much like the same old way.▼

Blue blazes

Ranch Romance, 1991 Sugar Hill Records, Durham, NC

For fresh and original country/western music, try this release by Ranch Romance. This Seattle-based band is led by Jo Miller on guitar, backed by the blazing fiddle of Barbara Lamb and Nancy Katz's upright bass. Nova Devonie adds playful accordian and background vocals.

The most unique sounding tune on the CD is a bit twisted in premise. There's this buckaroo, you see, who cheats on his wife and gets shot between the eyes by his lover, who seems to have a habit of killing off these romeos.

Arizona Moon and *Lucky One* are poignant, slow numbers and *Hotter than Blue Blazes* is guaranteed to get you dancing. You could almost dance on down to the record store to get yourself a copy.▼

PLEASE RECYCLE

Yuk ... colossal ego!

by Nancy Flagg
MGW Staff

M.C. Brains, Rap, 1992 Motown Record Company, Los Angeles, CA

Yuk. Does this guy have a colossal ego? He mentions his name in nearly every song and even titles several after himself, as in Everybody's Talking About M.C. Brains. Maybe I would have liked the tape more if I could have deciphered the lyrics, but then again maybe not, with words like "oochie coochie la-la-la" and "strings, G-strings, G-strings". In Oochie Coochie, M.C. makes this high-pitched peeping sound throughout the song which is grating. He can, however, rap fast, which is a talent of sorts.

The recording does have a few bright spots. Brainstorm and Boyz II Men are easy-paced, soulful numbers and although Strawberry Lane is sexually graphic it does have a nice tempo and style.▼

Impressive second release

by Nancy Flagg
MGW Staff

Milira, Soul 1992, Motown Record Company Los Angeles, CA

Milira, whose name is the combination of her grandmothers' names Millie and Ira, pours her heart and soul into this recording. Her wide vocal range and emotional delivery make the most of these soul, dance and jazz numbers. The songs are about love: love fulfilled, love lost, unrequited love, rocket love (whatever that is) and the hope for love. In One Man Woman, Milira goes a little overboard on the emotion when her voice takes on a possessed Louis Armstrong quality. Other than this minor flaw, this is an impressive second release from a 21-year-old singer.▼

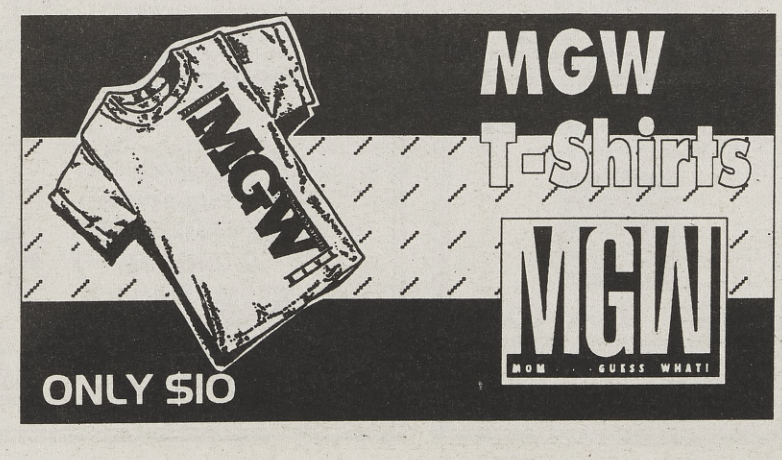
k. d. lang and Alison Moyet's voices crossed?

by Nancy Flagg
MGW Staff

Pam Hall, Women's Music, 1992 Fabulous Records, Bodega, CA

If you cross the voice of k.d. lang with Alison Moyet's and add a dose of Deep South sensuousness, you'll have an idea of what Pam Hall sounds like. Her deep, rich voice and sultry delivery delight the senses. Honey on My Lips is a simmering brew of woman-loving, woman-affirming songs, such as in the tense, sexual currents of Linda to the empowering piece "Don't you be dismissed...Don't walk disgraced on this earth". Heartbeat is a mild letdown as it is slow and somewhat monotonous.

Pam has assembled a solid cast of talented artists to assist on this recording. There's my favorite percussionist, Michaelle Goerlitz of the Blazing Redheads, the Millington sisters on guitars and Sue Fink on piano. The recording was produced by Ruth Simkin and June Millington and mixed by Tret Fure. If all this sounds good to you, then pick up a copy of this recording. I don't think you'll be disappointed.▼



Not such a legendary record

reviewed by Nancy Flagg
MGW STAFF

Herb Alpert Jazz 1992 A&M Records, Inc Hollywood, CA

Midnight Sun rates low on my "Repeater-Meter." The meter is my assessment of how likely I am to play a recording again.

This Herb Alpert release scores a 2 out of 10 on the meter and will soon be going to that special storage place I have for such gems.

I had high hopes for Midnight Sun when I saw the the song titles were old standards. I thought that, perhaps, Herb had returned to his Tijuana Brass roots. But it was not to be.

The songs are new jazz versions of the classics. I shouldn't, however, let my misconception prejudice my review, so I'll set it aside and go on.

Many of the tunes are played with a muted trumpet. I dislike the pinched sound the mute produces, but that's my own personal preference. Let me focus instead on a few songs in particular. *Mona Lisa* has an orchestral section plopped down near the beginning of the track in what otherwise sounds like a smoke-filled lounge act. *Taste of Honey* is barely recognizable in its jazz form but is saved from being too dull by a Frank Collett piano part. *All The Things You Are* is a listless piece. In *I've Grown Accustomed To Your Face,* Herb lays down his trumpet and sings a handful of verses. His voice is okay for the shower but not for a paying public.

All in all, this is a lackluster performance by the legendary Herb Alpert.▼

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Berezan's treasure

reviewed by Nancy Flagg
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Jennifer Berezan, Folk/Pop, 1992 Flying Fish Records, Chicago, IL

If I could, I would reprint the entire lyrics of *One and One Makes Three.* This rousing piece, accompanied by a gospel choir, rails against bigoted leaders and televangelists who sell "John Wayne religion" to people who are eager for an easy scapegoat for the world's problems. There's "nothing much about love and kindness, just a whole lot of power and might." As you can probably tell, I think this is a knockout number and a great album.

Jennifer's insightful lyrics cut to the quick. In *When You're Young,* she bemoans the pressure for people to climb the ladder of success at all costs, "dreams are the key to set you free, but they take them when you're young." *Angel Boots* is a pleasing piece about escaping to a dream world, "dancing in a diamond sky." *State of the Union* looks at what has become to America while fittingly interweaving a military sounding fife and drum. A fiddle enlivens *Katie's River.*

The superb background vocalists and musicians are, unfortunately, not identified on the insert for the tape, although I believe they are local artists: Chris Webster (vocals), Nina Gerber (guitar) and Joe Craven (fiddle and more). Don't miss this treasure by Jennifer Berezan.▼

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The Lambda Letters Project helps people write to their legislators and other public officials on women's issues, lesbian, gay and bisexual issues and HIV/AIDS. Last year the project delivered over 20,000 letters on these subjects. **Info: Boyce Hinman - 965-6851.** ▼

MCC to be a model for rebuilding

After the communist take-over of Russia in 1917, about half of the churches (over 800) were destroyed. River City Metropolitan Community Church, will be the model in rebuilding them.

During Borus Yeltsin's Summit with President Clinton, one of the government officials in Borus Yeltsin's contingent, Mark Klimenko who is also the Priest of the Russian Orthodox church of St. Fillip of Moscow, came to visit Rev. Ed Sherriff, Associate Past of River City MCC and Executive Director of the Samaritan Center. In 6 months, Rev. Ed will be going to Moscow to further train and help organize feeding programs in the churches of Moscow. ▼

Lambda players announce premiere

The Lambda Players of Sacramento announced the opening of Keith Curran's "Walking the Dead" in its Sacramento premiere. The show, directed by Marshall Kuehnert (director of last year's "Sex, Drugs, and Rock'n'Roll"), deals with the topics of transgenderism, the media, and society's stereotypes of sex roles in the nineties. The show opens May 14, and runs through May 29. **Info: 442-7752.** ▼

Organizer meeting for the Gay and Lesbian Film Festival

There will be an organizing meeting for the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. The agenda includes selecting officers, a date for the festival, and to begin choosaing charities, venues, films, etc. The meeting will be Tuesday, June 1st, 6 p.m., at the Lambda Community Center, at the corner of 20th and L, in the side room on the first floor. **Info: Allen - 451-5872.** ▼

Bad girl or just a misguided teen?

Oscar Wilde's 1893 shocker, **SALOME**, will be at California's Original Theater Company and this highly unusual work in an adaptation by C. Martin Williams, Remo Gilbert, and Ken Siebert is sure to raise controversy again. Siebert's nude self-portraits and homage to Keith Herring exhibited by the Company last year raised a censorship ruckus. The production opens Friday, May 14 at 8 p.m. **Info: 442-2399.** ▼

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The Sacramento Leather Association disbursed over $1,390 to several service organizations -- Hope House, $443.21; C.A.R.E.S., $359.00; P.S.S.N., $229.30; and W.E.A.V.E., $359.00. The SLA is concerned with identifying under-funded services of value to members. ▼

CELEBRATIONS

Mom Guess What Newspaper would like to celebrate our readers' Anniversaries, Committments, Holy Unions, or Rites of Blessing by publishing a photo and/or Announcement at no charge. MGW feels it is important to honor our relationships and also to role model for our younger readers.
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Denny Desmond and Debbie Chamberlain were joined in Holy Union on February 13 at River City Metropolitan Community Church in Sacramento.

In attendance were Christopher Desmond as Best Man, Pamela Badger as Maid-of-Honor, James Chamberlain as Ring Bearer, Theresa Chamberlain as Flower Girl and David Vasser walking Debbie down the aisle. The service was presided over by Dino Hoyt and Rebecca Feagins. A reception was held in the Ballroom immediately after the ceremony.

The honeymoon in San Francisco was a gift from coworkers.

The happy couple would like to thank RCMCC, those who helped to set up, serve, and clean up, those who provided the invitation, favors, music, cake and flowers, and those who traveled far to be there for the special day. ▼

UCD gets grant to study women's health problems

The University of California, Davis, was named one of 16 vanguard clinical centers and one of only two in California to participate in the largest and most ambitious clinical medical trial in the nation's history.

The Women's Health Initiative study, a 15-year, $625-million National Institutes of Health study will target heart disease, cancer, and osteoporosis, the biggest killers of women.

Researchers will examine the effects of a low-fat diet in cancer prevention.

Nationwide, researchers will recruit more than 160,000 women ages 50 to 79. UC Davis will receive $10.5 million over the 15 years and will recruit 3,490 women.

Researchers will examine the effects of a low-fat diet in cancer prevention and heart disease, benefits and risks of hormone-replacement therapy, and effects of calcium and vitamin D supplements in preventing osteoporosis and colon cancer. **Info: 734-5497 or 734-5498.** ▼

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Carry water, food and a care kit ...

Pets on the go

by Joan B. Guertin
MGW Staff

As the weather warms up the urge to travel grows and many of us are in the midst of vacation plans. Our pets will require some thought in this area as well. Birds, rodents, and bunnies probably will be boarded out or be left in the care of a competent housesitter. Rover and Tabby, however, may be included in the travel agenda. And there are important things to know before leaving home with them.

First of all, whether it is a day trip or an extended jaunt, it is always wise to carry your own water and sufficient food for the trip.

MGW/Sharon Speller

It's a "purrfect" time for a great newspaper.

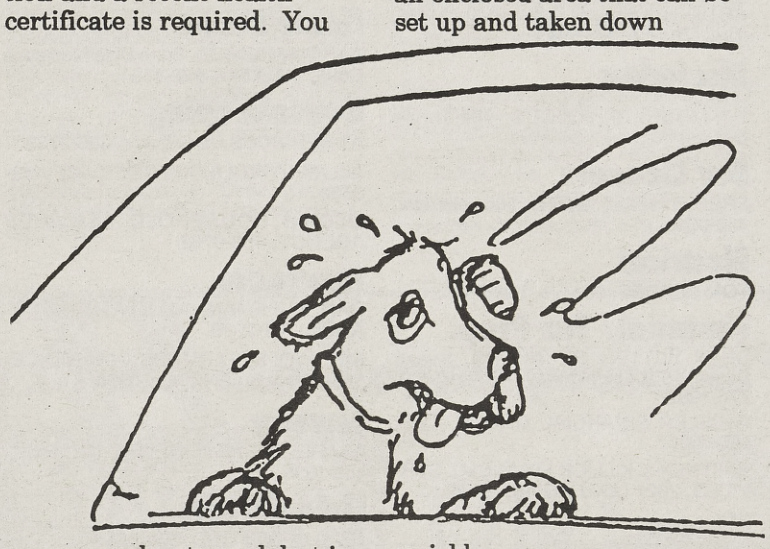
Seasoned travelers will enjoy the prospect of an outing. However, new pets may have to be broken in slowly to the movement of the vehicle when driving, so some trips to the store, training classes, etc., well ahead of a planned trip will help them adjust for a longer jaunt. Be sure to consider your itinerary when packing. A camping trip will require different paraphernalia, for instance, then will a trip to Aunt Sophie's. If regular travel is a part of the family life-style, the easiest thing to have is a suitcase with the basics that you will need for your pet.

For instance, I never leave home with the dogs without a care kit which includes their grooming supplies, leashes and collars. I carry several kinds of leashes such as the expandable leash for casual walk and a long line for some serious exercise such as retrieving. I always have a first aid kit which includes some antibiotics furnished by my vet in case of an emergency and some lomotil in case my dogs develop some diarrhea as a result of stress. (of course, I always check in with a local vet in case of major problems.) In addition, it is important to think about how you will contain the pet when you are not actually traveling. Portable X-pens make a convenient temporary kennel. A foldup, suitcase-type wire crate can be useful and, of course, an airline travel carte make excellent timeout and sleeping accommodations during a stopover. Your pet will also appreciate a few of its favorite toys or a chew bone during the trip.

If the trip requires travel across state lines or into Mexico or Canada it is always wise to check on the latest regulations. Within the US, a current rabies vaccination and a recent health certificate is required. You may never be stopped, but in the event that you are... be prepared. Make sure that your pet wears a collar with your current address and phone and your vet's phone number. This can aid in retrieving a lost pet. By all means, consult with your veterinarian as to which shots should be updated or obntained should you be going camping or traveling through an area that is known to be infested with ticks.

One safety rule that I follow is to make sure that all of my pets, dogs or cats are safely crated during travel or have a collar on. If pets are traveling loose in a vehicle, attach a leash upon stopping and before you open a car door. Excited dogs often forget commands, and an open care door is often too tempting to resist after a long drive.

It is also a good idea to make sure that your dog knows how and is willing to relieve itself while on a leash. It is uncomfortable for pets to try to "hold" everything in during a trip and some travelers have reported that this is often the case. If your dog absolutely won't go on a leash, the X-pen is a good alternative, as you will have an enclosed area that can be set up and taken down quickly.



Before making plans to visit places such as national parks, check on their pet regulations. If you find that you will not have time for your pet, a boarding kennel is a good option for a few days. Again, you will need to be able to show proof of shots and here you will definitely want to make sure you have inoculated them against kennel cough.

If traveling by air is an option, try to schedule flights for nighttime. Make sure that your pet isn't likely to make a plane change in the heat of the day and run the risk of having to sit in its crate on the hot tarmack in the broiling sun. Also make sure that you have sufficient time between connecting flights to make sure that you pet is routed onto the correct flight and make sure that the crate is actually loaded onto your flight. The flight attendant will help with this and if you make it clear that you want assurance, they will usually be quite accommodating. Also make sure that you have sufficient water secure in a container in the crate. One recommendation is to freeze the container and it will melt during travel, keeping your pet supplied with fresh water.

Above all, have a safe and enjoyable trip by using some good old common sense.

Got the Flea and Mosquito blues? They are a major bother this season and one remedy that I have found useful for both humans and their pets is *Avon Skin-So-Soft*. At the Dog Wash we use 1 oz. to a gallon of water in a spray bottle as a repellent. Out at classes I use it for myself as well as spraying my dog for some extra protection. My Avon lady also advised that you can sponge or spray it around doorways and on screens to keep insects away as well as crawling bugs. Try it... it works! ▼

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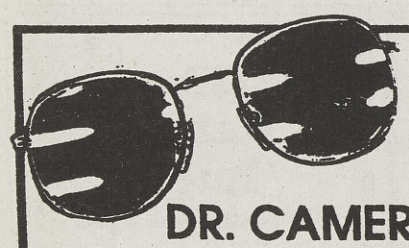

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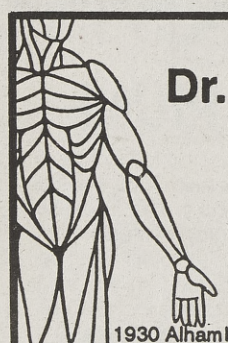

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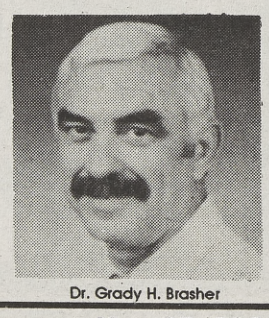
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CALENDAR

Calendar lists are FREE to non-profit organizations. Listings must be made in writing (Day, Date, What, Who, Where, Time, Phone) by the 10th or 25 of each month. Listings are not taken over the phone.

M A Y

15 - Saturday

PRUNE FESTIVAL WINE AND ARTS, TILL 16TH. (408) 378-6252.

LESBIAN HEALTH AND AGING, DR. SADJA GREENWOOD, SACWN, Sacramento Inn, 1401 Arden way, Sierra Room. 6:30pm. 451-8034.

GAY AND LESBIAN FILM AT DAVIS Sink or Swim, Rules of the Road, Free, 7:30 pm, 752-2257 or 757-3470

WORKSHOP ON EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE DOCUMENTS, NCLR, YWCA 17th & L Str, 10am.

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1ST SAC DYKE DADDY CONTEST, Sac. Leather Assoc., 863-3398.

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MODERN DANCE, "Not Ready for Highways," Dale Scholl Dance Studio, 483-4017.

SALOME, play by Oscar Wilde, runs until June 6, California's Original Theater Co., 922 12th St., 8pm, 442-2399.

LAMBDA PLAYERS, "WALKING THE DEAD," runs through May 29, 8:15pm, 442-7752.

JUDITH EDGE OILS AND ACRYLICS, through May 30, Fine Eye Gallery, 71 Main St., Sutter Creek, (209) 267-0571.

16 - Sunday

RUSSIAN RIVER WINE FESTIVAL, (800) 648-9933.

HISTORIC McKINLEY PARK HOME TOUR AND GARDEN SHOW, 10-4pm, 535-9928.

LAMBDA LETTERS AUCTION, 3pm, Townhouse 1517 21st Str. Entertainer Karla Carmony will be one of the auctioneers.

18 - Tuesday

SAC LESBIANS CREATING CHANGE, General Membership Meeting, 7pm, Lambda Center.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS (PFLAG), Video, *"The Unexpected Journey,"* 7:30pm, St. Marks United Methodist Church.

19 - Wednesday

LAMBDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 6:30pm, Lambda Center, 442-0185.

LESBIAN AND GAY BUSINESS ALLIANCE (LGBA), 7pm, Carrow's 28th & J St., 641-8775

21 - Friday

ABC WESTERN CONFERENCE, May 21-24th, Las Vegas, 619-463-6939.

"PRELUDE TO A KISS," theater, The Show Below, 22nd & L St., 446-2787.

22 - Saturday

PACIFIC COAST ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS, 8-3pm, AQUATIC CENTER HAZEL AVE AT HWY 50. 985-7239.

GAY & LESBIAN COMEDY, Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 9pm. 510-848-7376.

WELLSPRING WOMEN'S CENTER GOLF TOURNAMENT, Tee time 10am, $25-80, Haggin Oaks Golf Course.

WORKSHOP FOR LESBIANS, 9:30-3:30pm. $55, Kate MacKenzie L.C.S.W., 447-0350.

SPRING FORMAL, Holiday Inn, Reno, 702-746-3850.

SACRAMENTO MASTER SINGERS, 8pm, Library Galleria, 9th and I st, $8, 331-6151.

FUND-RAISING YARD SALE – DONATIONS WANTED. Rainbow Phoenix Project. May 22-23. 737-6505

23 - Sunday

PACIFIC COAST ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS, 8-4pm, Aquatic Center Hazel Ave at Hwy 50.

ANDRA AND MARY NORTHUP OF DAVIS FUND RAISER, 726 Drummond Ave, Palms Davis. 2pm. Sacramento Women's Chorus, Judy Fjell.

AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL, 415-863-4676.

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24 - Monday

PASSIVE HYPR-IMMUNE THERAPY, SAF Training Space, 920 20th Street. Second Floor. 7-9pm. 448-2437.

COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCING CLASSES, beg. partners @ 6pm, Line dances @ 7:15pm, Intermed. @ 8:30pm. 4 wks/$28 person, MCC Grand Ballroom, 2741 34th St., 453-8991.

25 - Tuesday

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GHOST OF FAILURES, BARKING, movie, Cafe Broadway, 7pm, 441-6927

28 - Friday

JAZZ JUBILLE, May 28-31. 372-5277.

29 - Saturday

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SAC City Actors Theater, "To Kill A Mockingbird," April 23-May 9, 3835 Freeport, 558-2228.

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INTERNATIONAL MR. LEATHER, Chicago, 863-3398

30 - Sunday

SQUID FESTIVAL, Morgan Hill, May 29-30, (408) 649-6500.

BLACK WOMEN IN MUSIC, with Toshi Reagon, 1-4pm, (707)-876-3004.

INTERNTIONAL MR. LEATHER, Chicago, 863-3398

31 - Monday

MEMORIAL DAY!!!

J U N E

1 - Tuesday

SLA MEETING, 7pm, Wreck Rm, 2513 Broadway, 863-3398

SAC GAY/LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL ORGANIZING MEETING, 6pm, Lambda Community Center, Allen @ 451-5872.

2 - Wednesday

WOMEN IN ACTION LOBBY DAY (WIALD), Speaker: State Treasurer, Kathleen Brown, Sac. Convention Center, 273-0257

5 - Saturday

THEATRE RHINOCEROS PRESENTS, "COCONUT," Cowell Theater, Fort Mason, S.F. (415) 861-5079

CAP/PAC FUNDRASING DINNER, Radisson Hotel, Roberta Achtenber, David Mixner, $75, 451-8034

NJ GAY PRIDE CELEBRATION, Asbury Park, NJ., 210-487-7832.

VERMONT LESBIAN/GAY PRIDE CELEB. Montpelier, VT, 802-223-8929.

6 - Sunday

PRIDE FEST 1993 CELEBRATION, Detroit, MI, 313-825-6651.

9 - Wednesday

"TOMMY TUNE TONITE!", runs until July 4, Curran Theatre, S.F., 415-956-4781

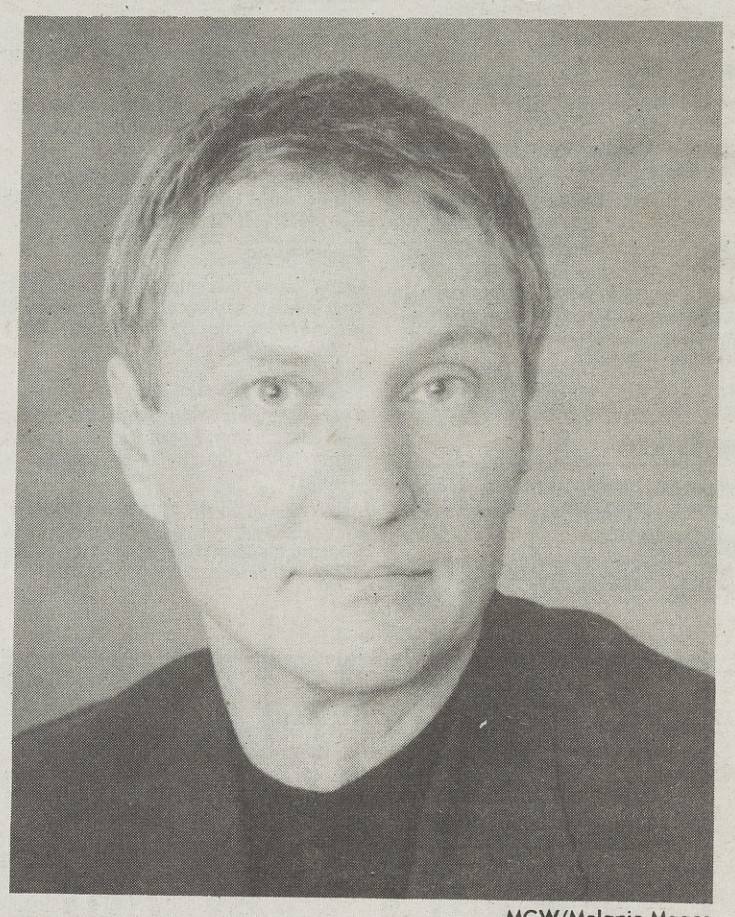
11 - Friday

"PLAY BY PLAY," by Robert Patrick, meadow at Marshall Gold Disc. State Historic Park., 7pm, 626-7888.

12 - Saturday

"SECOND SATURDAY," art reception, 5 to 8pm, Michael Himovitz Gallery, 448-8723.

Miller becomes full partner



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Charles Miller has become a full partner with Michael Himovitz in the Michael Himovitz Gallery. Miller has been the gallery's director since 1989 and was a partner with Himovitz Miller Gallery/Pavilions. ▼

13 - Sunday

TOWN COUNCIL CAR WASH FUNDRAISER, Noon - 5pm, behind Faces, K & 20th St., $7.

14 - Monday

SAC. LESBIAN/GAY TOWN COUNCIL, 6:30pm, all organizations invited!

18 - Friday

GAY PRIDE COMMUNITY DANCE, SACWN and SLCC sponsored. YWCA, 8pm. 451-8034

25 - Friday

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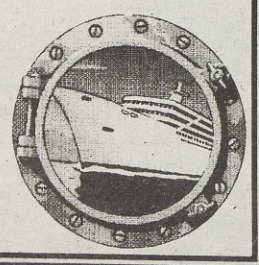

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